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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of: Donald O'Connor

Title: SONET ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER WITH PACKET OVER
SONET CAPABILITY

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

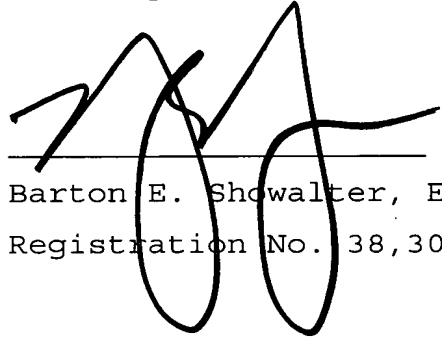
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/303,428, filed May 3, 1999 by Applicants and entitled "Sonet Add/Drop Multiplexer With Packet Over Sonet Capability," be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed due. If, however, Applicants have overlooked the need for a fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

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Respectfully submitted,
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